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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar, and to take this opportunity to respond to some of your questions regarding when Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) beings.

We're commanded to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1). To remind you, Aviv is the last stage of the grain's development. It's at this stage that the kernels are physiologically mature, but still need to dry out. This is when the ancient Israelites would swath (cut the stalks and leave them on the ground to dry), or parch the heads with fire in order to dry them immediately (Lev 2:14, Lev 23:14, Joshua 5:10-12, Rut 2:14, 1 Samuel 17:17, 1 Samuel 25:18, 2 Samuel 17:28).

The barley fields become Aviv around the time of the Spring Equilux, as a result of the sun becoming stronger (Gen 1:14). Leading up to the Spring Equilux, it's very cold and we have a lot heavy later rain. However, after the Spring Equilux, there's a palpable change in the weather, as this is when the chamsin begins. The chamsin (Arabic for 50), is the dry hot wind unique to the Middle East, that ripens the grains from Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) to Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) (Lev 23:15-16, Dt 16:9).

Therefore, it's generally understood that Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv), begins with the crescent New Moon sighting after the Spring Equilux, i.e after the barley has become Aviv.

This understanding is also supported by the fact that:

1. The moon determines the beginning of the Biblical Month, and the sun determines the beginning of the Biblical Year (Gen 1:14). More specifically, the Biblical Month begins with the crescent New Moon (the sign) after Conjunction (the lunar phase) (Ps 104:19); and the Biblical Year begins with the crescent New Moon (the sign) after the Spring Equinox (the solar phase).
2. Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) is a harvest festival, which are common to find in agrarian societies. This is why everyone is commanded to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest, when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10, Ex23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt 16:13-17).
3. The journey up to the Temple, would have taken the ancient Israelites a considerable amount of time, especially for those that lived farther away from Jerusalem. Therefore, there needs to be enough time between the barley becoming Aviv and the men needing to be at the Temple.
4. Beginning Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv), with the crescent New Moon sighting after the Spring Equinox, means that Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) will fall out at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt 16:13).

In summation, Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) will begin with the crescent New Moon sighting of 30 March 2025 (assuming the moon is sighted that evening). For reference, 1 March 2025 (the beginning of the previous lunar month), is too early in the solar cycle to meet the description found in the Tanakh for Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv).

We're hoping to be able to carry out a Barley Inspection prior to the New Moon Observation on 30 March 2025, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen.

[The Leap Year Commandment](#)

**2025**

# 2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Month Holidays</b>	<b>Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025</b>	<b>Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 31-March-2025</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)	Apr 13 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 14 <i>sunset</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 13 at sunset	Apr 14 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 15 <i>sunset</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 14 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Offering)	April 20, 2025	April 20, 2025
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)	April 19 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 20 <i>sunset</i>	Apr 20 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 21 <i>sunset</i>
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)	June 7 <i>sunset</i> - June 8 <i>sunset</i>	June 7 <i>sunset</i> - June 8 <i>sunset</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Month Holidays</b>	<b>Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025</b>	<b>Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 24-September-2025</b>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 23 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 24 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 24 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 25 <i>sunset</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Oct 2 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 3 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 3 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 4 <i>sunset</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Oct 7 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 8 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 8 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 9 <i>sunset</i>
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 14 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 15 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 15 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 16 <i>sunset</i>

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We could really use your prayers and support to continue to carry out this important work. Contributions (Ex 25:2) can be made easily and in any currency via [PayPal](#), [Patreon](#), or by sending a Check to Devorah's Date Tree, POB 4263, Jerusalem 9104201, ISRAEL.

Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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